

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1534

Introduced by Assembly Member Bass

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 1534.1 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to community care facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1534, as introduced, Bass. Residential care for children: inspection.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation by the State Department of Social Services of community care facilities, including foster family homes and small family homes, as well as other residential care facilities for adults and children. Existing law requires these facilities to be subject to unannounced visits by the department as often as necessary to ensure the quality of care provided. Existing law additionally requires an annual unannounced evaluation to be conducted at these facilities under prescribed circumstances.

This bill would require an annual unannounced visit to be conducted of a foster family home, small family home, or group home that provides residential care for children who are under the supervision of the county, notwithstanding existing law.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1534.1 is added to the Health and Safety
- 2 Code, to read:

1 1534.1. Notwithstanding Section 1534, the department shall
2 conduct an annual unannounced visit to a licensed foster family
3 home, small family home, or group home that provides
4 residential care for children who are under the supervision of a
5 county child welfare department or probation department.

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